



EAST BRIDGEWATER

Plymouth County



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NARRATIVE

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The Town of East Bridgewater was an early industrial inland town located on the northern portion of the Taunton River system. Situated in Plymouth County, the town's European community had been heavily damaged in King Philip's war. Nine of the ten homes in the area were destroyed during the fighting. Its early economy was based on agriculture but the community did have both grist and saw mills, iron forges and tanneries. The Keith brothers iron slitting mill is reportedly one of the earliest reported in southeastern Massachusetts. The first triphammer to make scythes, axes and other edged tools was established in town in 1740, and cannons and muskets for the revolution were made in East Bridgewater. The late 19th and early 20th century saw residential development along the trolley lines in the community. The Bridgewater Branch Railroad from Whitman through East Bridgewater stimulated further industrial growth, and the town was the site of boot and shoe manufacturing and textile mills. The real population expansion, however, followed the Second World War, and the town now has a heavily residential population.

(Seal supplied by community. Narrative based on information provided by the Massachusetts Historical Commission)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Southeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Hanson and Halifax on the east, Bridgewater on the south, West Bridgewater on the west, Brockton on the northwest, and Whitman on the north. East Bridgewater is 14 miles northeast of Taunton, 22 miles northwest of Plymouth, 25 miles southeast of Boston, and 207 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 17.51 sq. miles

Land Area: 17.24 sq. miles

Population: 11,104

Density: 644 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Brockton Station)

Normal temperature in January.....26.9°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.2°F

Normal annual precipitation.....45.5"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Whitman, Bridgewater

Regional Planning Agency

Old Colony

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Brockton



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 378-1606

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen
Executive Secretary
Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1823

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	6,296		
Democrats	1,678	26.7	%
Republicans	1,180	18.7	%
Other parties	12	0.2	%
Unenrolled Voters	3,426	54.4	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: East Bridgewater town, Plymouth County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	12,974	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	12,974	100.0
Male.....	6,349	48.9	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	97	0.7
Female.....	6,625	51.1	Mexican.....	11	0.1
Under 5 years.....	918	7.1	Puerto Rican.....	29	0.2
5 to 9 years.....	1,042	8.0	Cuban.....	14	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	1,025	7.9	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	43	0.3
15 to 19 years.....	910	7.0	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	12,877	99.3
20 to 24 years.....	633	4.9	White alone.....	12,503	96.4
25 to 34 years.....	1,752	13.5	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	2,421	18.7	Total population.....	12,974	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,899	14.2	In households.....	12,796	98.6
55 to 59 years.....	689	5.3	Householder.....	4,344	33.5
60 to 64 years.....	434	3.3	Spouse.....	2,812	21.7
65 to 74 years.....	682	5.3	Child.....	4,516	34.8
75 to 84 years.....	464	3.6	Own child under 18 years.....	3,312	25.5
85 years and over.....	165	1.3	Other relatives.....	629	4.8
Median age (years).....	35.9	(X)	Under 18 years.....	240	1.8
18 years and over.....	9,364	72.2	Nonrelatives.....	495	3.8
Male.....	4,506	34.7	Unmarried partner.....	200	1.5
Female.....	4,859	37.5	In group quarters.....	178	1.4
21 years and over.....	8,960	69.1	Institutionalized population.....	136	1.0
62 years and over.....	1,549	11.9	Noninstitutionalized population.....	42	0.3
65 years and over.....	1,311	10.1	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	544	4.2	Total households.....	4,344	100.0
Female.....	767	5.9	Family households (families).....	3,391	78.1
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	1,727	39.8
One race.....	12,833	98.9	Married-couple family.....	2,812	64.7
White.....	12,573	96.9	With own children under 18 years.....	1,437	33.1
Black or African American.....	129	1.0	Female householder, no husband present.....	429	9.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	22	0.2	With own children under 18 years.....	226	5.2
Asian.....	62	0.5	Nonfamily households.....	953	21.9
Asian Indian.....	6	-	Householder living alone.....	758	17.4
Chinese.....	12	0.1	Householder 65 years and over.....	294	6.8
Filipino.....	4	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,881	43.3
Japanese.....	6	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	877	20.2
Korean.....	7	0.1	Average household size.....	2.95	(X)
Vietnamese.....	16	0.1	Average family size.....	3.35	(X)
Other Asian ¹	11	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	4	-	Total housing units.....	4,427	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	1	-	Occupied housing units.....	4,344	98.1
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	83	1.9
Samoa.....	1	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	2	-	occasional use.....	4	0.1
Some other race.....	43	0.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.2	(X)
Two or more races.....	141	1.1	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	3.1	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races: ³</i>			Occupied housing units.....	4,344	100.0
White.....	12,695	97.8	Owner-occupied housing units.....	3,562	82.0
Black or African American.....	171	1.3	Renter-occupied housing units.....	782	18.0
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	57	0.4	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	3.15	(X)
Asian.....	78	0.6	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.02	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	6	-			
Some other race.....	113	0.9			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 145

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

East Bridgewater is situated in the Greater Brockton Area, which is strategically located between State Route 128 and Interstate 495, the inner and outer loops around Boston. State Routes 3, 24, and 28 provide easy access to the air, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston and Providence.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 18 and 106.

Rail

Commuter rail service to South Station, Boston, will be available in 1996-97 on the Middleborough Line in Bridgewater, and on the Plymouth Line in South Hanson or Whitman. Conrail services a freight rail line in the Bridgewater area. Contact number: (617) 783-6222

Bus

East Bridgewater is a member of the Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT), which provides Dial-A-Bat paratransit service to the elderly and disabled.

Other

Taunton Municipal Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility, has a 3,496'x75' asphalt runway and a 2,350'x150' gravel runway. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision. Mansfield Municipal airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility, has a 3,496'x 75' asphalt runway and a 2,200'x 100' turf runway. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

Forge Pond Nursing Home

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

Westview Rest Home

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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